

Application Serial No.: 10/050,117
Reply to Office Action dated August 13, 2003

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 14-57 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

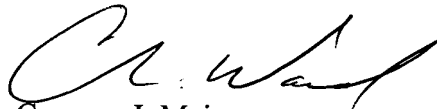
Katsuyuki OHKUBO is not an inventor of the subject matter claimed in the remaining Claims 1-13, and so this name has been deleted from the application.

The Applicants note that the Official Action dated August 13, 2003, incorrectly notes in item 1 in the Office Action Summary that the Office Action is responsive to the communication filed on January 8, 2002. The Applicants submit that item 1 in the Office Action Summary should state that the Office Action is responsive to the communication filed on January 18, 2002.

The present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable consideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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